

I support media diversity

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. The rules currently in place are essential to limit the market power of already huge companies in the broadcast industry.

As more media outlets merge, I see and hear a very limited variety of voices coming from our media. This diminished representation of diverse viewpoints can be harmful when challenging debate and open discussion are needed for our democracy to thrive. We do not need more mergers for large media companies.

Please take the time to address the interest of concerned citizens and groups that believe that the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules should remain intact. In addition to the official hearing on this matter in Richmond, VA, I strongly urge the FCC to hold additional hearings elsewhere around the nation to solicit the widest possible participation from the public which will be the most directly affected by the outcomes of these decisions.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is incumbent on the Commission to take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Thank you,

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